

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the application identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

At the outset, Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claim 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the subject matter of the base claim, i.e., claim 1 (Official Action at page 11).

By the above amendments, claims 1 and 19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 21 has been amended to be in independent form by incorporation of the subject matter of claim 1 therein, and also for readability purposes. Claim 3 has been amended for readability purposes to reiterate what is represented by R₅₂, R₆₃, R₇₅, R₇₈, R₇₉ and d. Each of dependent claims 3-7, 9-11 and 13-17 has been amended to be directed to a co-emulsification dispersion method for producing an ink jet ink. In addition, claims 3, 5, 6, 10 and 13-17 have been amended to depend from claim 21. Thus, each of dependent claims 3-7, 9-11 and 13-17 either directly or indirectly depends from independent claim 21.

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth at pages 2 and 3 of the Official Action.¹ In response to this rejection, claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 21, as well as for readability purposes to reiterate what is represented by R₅₂, R₆₃, R₇₅, R₇₈, R₇₉ and d. Accordingly, for at least the above reasons, withdrawal of the §112, second paragraph, rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13-17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,545,504 (*Keoshkerian et al*) in view of Hawley's Condensed

¹ In a telephone conference with the Examiner, she advised that the rejection of claim 13 was a typographical error, and that the list of rejected claims should not have included claim 13.

Chemical Dictionary, U.S. Patent No. 6,384,108 (*Breton et al*) and either Japanese Patent Document No. 03-231975 (*JP '975*) or U.S. Patent No. 5,508,421 (*Suzuki et al*). Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13-17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Keoshkerian et al* in view of Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary, *Breton et al* and U.S. Patent No. 5,344,933 (*Mikoshiha et al*). Withdrawal of the above rejections is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

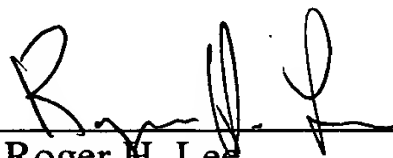
As discussed above, claims 1 and 19 have been canceled, and each of dependent claims 3-7, 9-11 and 13-17 now either directly or indirectly depends from independent claim 21. Thus, without addressing the propriety of the Examiner's comments concerning the above rejections, such rejections are moot in light of the fact that claim 21 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the above rejections is respectfully requested.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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